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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE KING OF NEPAL FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I REGRET THAT I DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME DURING MY RECENT TRIP TO VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTH ASIA. HOWEVER, I AM WELL AWARE OF YOUR MAJESTY'S HOPES FOR REGIONAL PEACE, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I HAD THEM IN MIND DURING MY DISCUSSIONS IN NEW DELHI. MY VISIT, ON WHICH AMBASSADOR HECK HAS BRIEFED YOU, WAS INTENDED NOT ONLY AS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA, BUT ALSO AS A REAFFIRMATION OF

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OUR INTEREST IN THE WHOLE AREA.

IN VISITING ONE COUNTRY IN SOUTH ASIA, I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE EFFORTS OF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA TO SOLVE PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY, INCREASE STABILITY IN THE REGION, AND PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE NOTED NEPAL'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND

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APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTION YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS MAKING TO REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING STEPS TOWARD REGIONAL COOPERATION IS THE ATTENTION COUNTRIES ARE GIVING TO MOBILIZING WATER RESOURCES. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE INITIATIVES YOU PROPOSED ON THIS SUBJECT IN YOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS AT THE COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY YOUR PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT VENTURES WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE, AS YOU STATED, INDEPENDENCE THROUGH INTERDEPENDENCE. AS YOU KNOW, BOTH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND I RESTATED THIS THEME DURING OUR VISITS.

MY ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY TO THE MOST NEEDY COUNTRIES SUCH AS NEPAL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING AND EXPANDING OUR COLLABORATION THROUGH AID AND THE PEACE CORPS.

THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONTROL NARCOTICS. WE HAVE WELCOMED YOUR ASSURANCES THAT NEPAL WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST THE PRODUCTION OF AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN ALL NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES. I ESPECIALLY WELCOME THE ASSURANCE THAT NEPAL WILL NOT PRODUCE OPIUM.
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AS AMBASSADOR HECK TOLD YOU IN HIS RECENT AUDIENCE, A NUMBER OF AMERICANS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO ME OVER THE CONDITION OF MR. B. P. KOIRALA. YOUR DECISION TO RELEASE MR. KOIRALA FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION IN THE UNITED STATES LAST SUMMER WAS CERTAINLY AN ACT OF GREAT HUMANITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AMERICAN DOCTOR WHO WAS PRESENT AT THAT OPERATION BELIEVES THAT MR. KOIRALA SHOULD RECEIVE FURTHER TESTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THOUGH I AM SURE THAT MR. KOIRALA WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE EXCELLENT MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM HIS NEPALESE PHYSICIANS. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN THE POLITICAL OR LEGAL PROCESSES OF YOUR COUNTRY, AND I APPRECIATE THE COURTESY WITH WHICH YOU DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR HECK. I MENTION THE MATTER OF MR. KOIRALA ONCE AGAIN IN THE SPIRIT OF AVOIDING ANY POSSIBLE COMPLICATION IN OUR GOOD RELATIONS, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPASSION AND STATESMANSHIP THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THE PAST.

I WANT TO REITERATE MY ASSURANCES OF THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WORLD PEACE AND COOPERATION AND OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING

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FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE. VANCE

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